

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the listing as follows:

Claims 1 to 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for forming a tubular printing blanket comprising the steps of:

applying an application layer to a base;
applying a polymer over the application layer so as to form a flexible inner tubular sleeve, the application layer being an innermost layer of the tubular sleeve; ~~and~~
applying a print layer over the tubular sleeve, the tubular printing blanket being reversibly deformable; and
forming a compressible layer over the flexible tubular sleeve and under the print layer.

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (original): The method as recited in claim 11 further comprising applying the application layer by winding a tape around the base.

Claim 15 (original): The method as recited in claim 11 further comprising rotating the base.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the printing blanket is capable of being deformed so that two different circumferential points of an inner surface of the sleeve when round contact each other and then the printing blanket may return to a tubular shape.

Claims 17 to 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (previously presented): A method for forming a tubular printing blanket comprising the steps of:

- applying an application layer to a base;
- applying a polymer over the application layer,
- removing the application layer so that the polymer layer defines an innermost layer of a flexible tubular sleeve; and
- applying a print layer over the tubular sleeve, the tubular printing blanket being reversibly deformable.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 21 further comprising forming a compressible layer over the flexible tubular sleeve and under the print layer.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 21 further comprising applying the application layer by winding a tape around the base.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 21 further comprising rotating the base.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the printing blanket is capable of being deformed so that two different circumferential points of an inner surface of the sleeve when round contact each other and then the printing blanket may return to a tubular shape.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the removing of the application layer occurs prior to the applying of the print layer.